

**COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2006**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 9:16 A.M. in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., Chairperson
Sandra Anderson Bell, M.D.
Woody B. Hanes, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P.
Patricia M. Selig, R.N., F.N.P., Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick W. Clougherty, M.D.
Jane E. Piness, M.D.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Boling, M.D.
Elaine Ferrary, R.N., L.N.P.
Barbara Kirkland, R.N., L.N.P.
Lynn Poole, R.N., L.N.P.
Chip Williams, M.D.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Lynn Bennett, M.D.
David O. Dick, R.N., C.R.N.A.
Steven B. Powers, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing
Susan Bell Rosen, R.N., F.N.P., J.D., Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Donna Lee, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Yeatts, Regulatory Analyst
Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Sandra Ryals, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Health Professions

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: Ms. Piersall called the meeting to order, with four members present a quorum of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was present for the purposes of conducting business.

ORDERING OF AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed and ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were received.

DISPOSITION OF
MINUTES:

Dr. Bell moved to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting as written.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Susan Rosen, Deputy Executive Director for Discipline, will be leaving the Board staff effective July 31, 2006. Ms. Piersall thanked Ms. Rosen for her many contributions to the work of the Board, especially to this Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointments to Advisory Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine:

Ms. Douglas urged Committee and advisory group members to advise her of individuals who may be interested in serving on the Advisory Committee. There are two physician vacancies. Ms. Douglas will also consult with Dr. Harp, Executive Director, for the Board of Medicine for additional suggestions.

Nurse Practitioner Endorsement Licensure Issue State by State Verification Process:

Ms. Douglas reported that staff had polled other state Boards of Nursing to determine their ability to verify an Advanced Practice License or authorization to practice. Thirty-three state boards responded out of 52 polled. Two states, Minnesota and Pennsylvania, responded that they were unable to provide such verification. Pennsylvania's response applied to verification of CRNA's only.

The Committee decided that no additional action was necessary regarding the Endorsement Regulations. Applications received from individuals who are moving from the states unable to verify nurse practitioner licenses will be handled on a case by case basis.

Random Audit of Nurse Practitioner Protocols:

Ms. Douglas reported that an article had been submitted to the "Virginia Nurses Today" publication notifying licensees of the upcoming audit of Nurse Practitioner Protocols and continued competency requirements. A mailing will be sent to all licensed nurse practitioners in early June that will include:

- Summary of Regulatory requirements for Nurse Practitioner Protocols and continued competency requirements.
- Announcement of random audit of 1% of licensees.
- 2006 legislative activity regarding increase in prescriptive authority and changes in supervision for nurse practitioners licensed in the category of Certified Nurse Midwives.

REPORTS:

National Council of State Boards of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Panel Draft Vision Paper:

The Committee reviewed the NCSBN first draft of the Vision Paper “The Future Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing.” Ms. Douglas reported that she had just been informed that following feedback from stakeholders, the NCSBN Advisory Panel had decided to meet again in June to write a second draft. There are no plans at this time for this draft to go to the annual meeting in August.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislative Update 2006 General Assembly:

Ms. Yeatts provided a legislative update from the 2006 General Assembly and reviewed bills related to nursing and nurse practitioners.

Regulatory Update:

Ms. Yeatts reported that the regulations for Provisional Licensure for Nurse Practitioners were adopted by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine and we are awaiting action in the Governor’s office.

Ms. Yeatts reported that SB488, supervision/collaboration for Certified Nurse Midwives, requires the adoption of emergency regulations. Staff proposed an initial draft for Committee review and input. Based upon the Committee’s discussion and advice from legal counsel, changes were recommended to the draft. These changes will then be presented to the Board of Nursing at its May 16th meeting and at the Board of Medicine’s June 22nd meeting for approval prior to forwarding the draft regulations to the Department of Planning and Budget.

Consideration of “Inactive” Registered Nurse License Status:

Ms. Yeatts reported that as a result of the Board of Nursing adopting regulations for inactive licenses for Registered Nurses, that changes were necessary to the regulations for licenses of Nurse Practitioners in 18 VAC 90-30-80. Dr. Selig moved that the recommended changes to the licensed nurse practitioner regulations regarding inactive licenses be forwarded to the Board of Nursing.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. Hanes moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:45 A.M. for the purpose of consideration and discussion of a consent order. Additionally, Ms. Hanes moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Lee attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine reconvened in open session at 11:48 A.M.

Ms. Hanes moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Sheila D. Goddard, R.N., L.N.P. 0024-057190

Dr. Bell moved to accept the Consent Order for indefinite suspension of the nurse practitioner license of Sheila D. Goddard.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon entry by the Board stating the findings, conclusions and decisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director, Board of Nursing